

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION**

Thursday, February 16, 2006

3:30 P.M.

Room 326, House Office Building

Chairman Wenke called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward, Byrnes, Spade. (6/7)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Lipsey. (1/7)

Representative Emmons moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2006 meeting.

Representative Palmer supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

Representative Ward moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Palmer** supported the motion. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

Chairman Wenke laid **HB 5400** before the committee.

HB 5400 Wenke Higher education; community colleges; reorganization of community college districts; provide procedures for.

Ruth Borger, representing Lansing Community College, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5400**.

Tom Bernthal, representing the Michigan Community College Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5400**.

Edward Haring, representing Kellogg Community College, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5400**.

Jeff McAlvey, representing Grand Rapids Community College, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5400** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:37 p.m.**

Representative Lorence Wenke, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070